

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this Application and entry of this Amendment is respectfully requested. Claims 1-11 are currently pending in the present application. Applicant acknowledges and appreciates the allowance of Claims 1-4 and 6-10. Withdrawn claims 12-15 have been cancelled. Claims 5 and 11, the drawings and specification stand objected to as detailed below. The amendments and remarks address each of the Examiner's objections as set forth below.

DRAWINGS

The drawings were objected to for not showing every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Claim 5 was objected to for reciting a limitation of a "collar" not illustrated in the figures. To overcome this objection to both claim 5 and the figures, FIG. 3 has been amended to illustrate the collar claimed in dependent claim 5. Further, FIG. 3 has also been amended to include a reference number (224) for the collar. Support for the collar can be found in the paragraph beginning on page 9 line 21. Also, the paragraph beginning on page 9 line 21 has been amended to include a reference number for the collar recited in claim 5 and illustrated in amended FIG. 3 (collar portion 224). No new matter has been added with this amendment.

The drawings were also objected to because they include reference numbers 215, 316 and 514 not mentioned in the description. The specification has been amended to include reference numbers 215, 316 and 514 that appear on FIGS. 7, 8 and 11, respectively. No new matter has been added with this amendment.

Withdrawal of the objections to the drawings is requested.

SPECIFICATION

The Examiner objected to the title of the invention stating that the title of the invention is not descriptive. The title of the application has been amended as suggested by the Examiner. Specifically the title of the invention has been amended to "Method of Forming a Drug Eluting Stent." The withdrawal of this objection to the title is requested.

CLAIM OBJECTION

Claim 11 was objected to for an informality of referring to the "stent of claim 8" instead of the "method of claim 8." Claim 11 has been appropriately amended. Withdrawal of the objection to claim 11 is requested.

Conclusion

Applicant believes that the foregoing amendments to the drawings, specification and claims obviates the Examiner's objections and that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance and should be passed to issue. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required under 37 C.F.R. 1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 01-2525. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would in any way expedite the prosecution of the application, please do not hesitate to call the undersigned at telephone (707) 543-0221.

Respectfully submitted,

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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 3. This sheet, which includes Figs. 3 and 6, replaces the original sheet including Figs. 3 and 6.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet
Annotated Sheet

ANNOTATED SHEET

